Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was a sentence in that article "പി. പി. ദേവസ്സിയുടെ വക്കാലത്തുണ്ടായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടല്ല കേസുകൾ പിൻവലിച്ചത്." The meaning is these cases were withdrawn not because Mr. P. P. Devassy filed a vakkalath. Does it mean to say that Mr. Devassy had filed a vakkalath in the connection?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* He did not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Why did not the Hon'ble Minister refute that statement in the paper?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I did not think it necessary to refute that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when these cases referred to in the question were withdrawn?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 16th August 1944.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The date of the article mentioned here is 26th February 1944. Is that correct, Sir? February is months prior to October when the cases were withdrawn.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have put the date correctly. I don't know who is responsible for the mistake.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I must verify it.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

6. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have noticed an article in the "Gomathi" paper dated 28th October 1944 regarding Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Board;

(*b*) if so, whether the facts mentioned therein are true?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes, a report from the Special Correspondent.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, may I request that No. 7 also on the same subject may be answered now so that they may be effectively tackled.

Mr. President: Order, order. Each Hon'ble Member is entitled to put his own question. If the Hon'ble Member in whose name the question appears on the paper wishes his question to be put along with some other Hon'ble Members', he must obtain that Hon'ble Member's concurrence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* I may be allowed to put that question also along with this.

Mr. President: Certainly.

7. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by Government on the decision of this Council regarding the establishment of Public Service Commission in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* A committee has been appointed to examine this question and report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, what is the object of the appointment of this committee.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The terms of reference are published in the Gazette.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can they be disclosed, Sir?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* It is already disclosed. It is published in the Gazette.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhutassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it is the opinion of the Government that a report of an *ad hoc* committee consisting of a much smaller number of members than the Members of this House will be more useful to the Government in taking action on the majority opinion of this Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* This being a very complicated question affecting vitally several classes of people and several communities it was thought that it would be better to entrust the work to a small committee which can go into the question in greater details than this House as we are composed can do. Therefore, it was thought that it would be necessary to have the report of a special committee on the subject.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, which were the sources of representation mentioned in the order appointing the committee. It has been stated that various representations were made.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Several petitions were received with quite a large number of signatories to each petition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What, Sir, is the gist of these representations ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Their general complaint is that a Public Service Commission will do harm to the minority communities in the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the representation in these petitions placed before the Government to the effect that the Staff Selection Board may be allowed to work as it now works.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That follows. When the Public Service Commission is ruled out what obtains now should continue.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there a representation, Sir, to the effect that when the turn of a particular community entitled for representation under the Staff Selection Board Rules comes the best amongst that community should not be considered. Is there a representation to that effect, Sir ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* All these are minor details and these petitions referred in broad terms to what has been passed in the Council and it is not possible to say off hand whether there is any particular suggestion to this effect in anyone of those petitions received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I ascertain from the Government, Sir, whether the Government did not take up a neutral attitude with a view to understand the non-official view on this question when the matter was discussed here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government wishes that the Hon'ble Members should express fully their views and they wanted to profit by it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any case in the representations that the communal rotations or the proportions are not kept up ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I may say for the information of the Hon'ble Member that these petitions are not drafted in such nice terms. They are broad attacks on a thing that has been done in the Council and therefore it is not possible to say whether in any particular petition there is such a subtle reference as this or that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any complaint that communal proportion is not being kept up.

Mr. President : Order, order. The spokesman of the Government has already indicated the general nature of the petitions and I think it is rather vain to expect to find out every word or every detailed suggestion contained in these papers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government would be pleased to entrust to the same committee the policy of the Government to be followed in the matter of appointments over Rs. 100 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise.

Mr. President : Order, order. That is a suggestion and not a request for information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any single petition from any single individual stating that his claims were overlooked.

Mr. President : I have already indicated that the detailed contents of these papers can hardly be supplied without notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the statement of the Hon'ble Secretary that they maintained a neutral attitude when the matter was discussed here because they wanted to profit by the discussion, may I know, Sir, whether the Government have been really profitted by the discussion ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. They have been.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In what way, please ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The result is the Government Proceedings appointing the committee *(Laughter).*

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What are the communities who have petitioned to the Government against the resolution ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I regret I cannot answer that question because most of them are mas petitions containing names of several persons belonging to several communities.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know why the Government did not appoint any member in that committee either from Talappalli or from Chittur.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* This is not a committee constituted on a taluk-war basis.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is there not discontent among the people of Talappalli and Chittur that they are unrepresented in the services ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Member has been raising this question of and on. I have not heard of any special discontent among the people of Talappalli and Chittur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When the Government answered the supplementary question about the Savarna Pathram what exactly they had in mind with regard to that expression, may I know ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I only said I want notice. I had nothing particular in my mind.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Of the various complaints against the Staff Selection Board one was that the services had suffered in their efficiency. May I know whether the Government has suffered in that direction ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That is the very first term of reference to the new committee "whether the service have suffered on account of the present rules under which the Staff Selection Board works".

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government is not the best Judge in that matter ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government have their own opinion about it but they would like to have the subject discussed by other eminent persons.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know whether some responsible Departmental heads have not reported to the Government that the efficiency of the services has greatly deteriorated as a consequence of the appointments made by the Staff Selection Board as they are being made now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The question is not unfortunately so very simple as the Hon'ble Member seems to think. I may explain the point. There is no doubt that there is a view that recruitment according to certain rules of the Staff Selection Board does a certain amount of harm. For example, it is very difficult now to allow the same clerk to the same department consecutively. If we could find a rule by which we could have the same clerk appointed to the same office or at least to a similar office consecutively and make him permanent in a similar department or in the same department then the case may improve. That is one view of the question. This is not a question which can be answered yes or no. These things can be discussed in greater detail only at a conference. There are various aspects to it and each should be considered on its own merits.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the best man from each community be suggested ?

Mr. President: The committee will consider that suggestion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur) :* May I know whether there have not been instances wherein departmental heads have been shifted from one department to another and then to some other department. Then, what about the clerks ?

APPOINTMENTS OVER Rs. 100

8. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether they have come across the leading article in the "Sahodaran" regarding the 48 appointments made by Government in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 to posts carrying pay above Rs. 100 per mensem ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government) :*

Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, whether, out of this 48 appointments, any of them require technical qualifications ?

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